GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan received from the World Bank for the improvement and development of irrigation in Orissa, during the last three years;

(b) whether the loan received have been fully utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the directions issued by the Union Government to State Government of Orissa in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) There is only one World Bank aided Project inOrissa, namely Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project with total loan assistance of US $ 290.900 million. An amount of US $ 96.156 million has been received from the World Bank by the Government of Orissa under the project for the development of irrigation during the last three years.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. The cumulative reimbursement of US$ 130.385 Million only has been received against the expenditure incurred up to February, 2000. Expenditure is 45% of total assistance against 64% of the project time elapsed. The main reasons for low utilization are re- tendering due to high rates quoted by the bidders which were not acceptable to the World Bank, delay in land acquisition, appreciation of dollar against rupee and super-cyclone in 1999.

(d) The state Government is suitably advised from time to time to meet the physical and financial targets and legal covenants as per loan agreement.